

## General Assembly

## **Amendment**

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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE LIQUOR CONTROL ACT, HEALTH CLUBS, LICENSING OF ARCHITECTS AND PHARMACISTS, ELECTRONIC SHELF LABELING, WELL DRILLERS AND THE NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION GUARANTY FUND."

- 1 Strike section 14 and insert the following in lieu thereof:
- 2 "Sec. 14. Section 42-371 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 3 following is substituted in lieu thereof:
- 4 (a) As used in this section:
- 5 (1) "Retailer" means any person who sells goods used primarily for
- 6 personal, family or household purposes to a person who is not in the
- 7 business of reselling such goods;
- 8 [(2) "Discount card or device" means any card or device issued by a
- 9 retailer to a consumer, that the consumer may use to obtain a discount
- when making purchases from the retailer, including, but not limited to,

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- 11 a scanner card;
- 12 [(3)] (2) "Consumer" means an individual who is an actual or
- 13 prospective purchaser of goods used primarily for personal, family or
- 14 household purposes; and
- 15 [(4)] (3) "Consumer information" means information that identifies a
- 16 consumer and that is obtained by a retailer. [from the consumer's use
- of a discount card or device issued by the retailer in the course of the
- 18 retailer's business.]
- 19 (b) No retailer [who issues, or has issued, a discount card or device
- 20 in this state to a consumer] may sell, lease [or relinquish] to, or
- 21 exchange for value with, any other person, firm or corporation any
- 22 consumer information, unless (1) the retailer provides reasonable prior
- 23 written notice to the consumer, (2) the retailer provides the consumer
- 24 with the option [, at the time the consumer applies for the discount
- 25 card or device or at the time the consumer receives an unsolicited
- 26 discount card or device,] of preventing the retailer from selling, leasing
- or [relinquishing] exchanging for value such information, and (3) the
- 28 consumer does not exercise such option to prevent the retailer from
- 29 selling, leasing or [relinquishing] exchanging for value such
- 30 information.
- 31 (c) Such notice shall (1) state that information identifying the
- 32 consumer may be sold, leased [or relinquished] to, or exchanged for
- 33 <u>value with,</u> other persons, firms or corporations, (2) describe the
- 34 purposes for which such information would be used, and (3) include a
- 35 form the consumer may use to prevent the retailer from selling, leasing
- or [relinquishing] exchanging for value such information.
- 37 (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to supersede the
- 38 federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 USC 1681 et seq.).
- [(e) The provisions of this section do not apply to the sale, lease or
- 40 relinquishing of consumer information by a retailer to another person,
- 41 firm or corporation that directly or through one or more

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intermediaries, controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, such retailer.

- (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, a retailer may relinquish consumer information to (1) a credit rating agency, as defined in section 36a-695, or a consumer reporting agency, as defined in 15 USC 1681 et seq., provided such information may be relinquished only if the discount card or device also functions as a credit card, as defined in section 53a-128a, (2) a person, firm or corporation performing or providing services used for the delivery of such retailer's promotional offers, or (3) a person, firm or corporation performing or providing services used for the delivery of such retailer's billing statements.]
- [(g)] (e) Any violation of any provision of this section shall be deemed an unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-110b.
- 57 Sec. 15. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, except that section 14 58 shall take effect October 1, 2001."

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